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New adaptive filter for the removal of mixed noise in images with fine detail preservation.

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Abstract

In this paper, we developed an algorithm to remove additive mixed noise in images with the preservation of fine details and edges. The noise characteristics may vary in the same application from one image to another. In these environments, nonlinear general **filters** will not perform well and adaptive non–linear **filters** are best suited. The algorithm based on local statistics such as signal **variance** and noise **variance** is considered. It depends on minimum **mean** square estimation of the corrupted signal. The signal **variance** and noise **variance** are calculated through moving signal window and moving noise window respectively. This offers optimal adaptive **filtering** in the homogeneous regions as well as in the edges. The fine detail preservation has been obtained by a combining algorithm. The performance of the **filters** in the presence of different types of noise are evaluated and compared with general **mean,** bidirectional **median filters** and **median filters.** The image enhancement factor has been calculated as the performance–measuring factor. A remotely sensed image has been considered to carryout the subjective and objective analysis of the proposed **filter.**

Descriptors

ADAPTIVE-FILTERS; COVARIANCE–ANALYSIS; IMAGE–DENOISING; IMAGE–ENHANCEMENT; **LEAST-**MEAN–SQUARES–METHODS; **MEDIAN-**FILTERS.

Classification codes

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B1270F **Digital-**filters;
B0240Z Other–topics–in–statistics;
B0290F Interpolation–and–function–approximation–numerical–analysis;
C5260B Computer–vision–and–image–processing–techniques*;
C1260S Signal–processing–theory;
C5240 **Digital-**filters;
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C4130 Interpolation–and–function–approximation–numerical–analysis.

Keywords

image–noise–removal; fine–detail–preservation; additive–mixed–noise;
nonlinear-general–filters; **adaptive-**nonlinear–filters; local–statistics; **signal-**variance; **noise-**variance; **minimum-**mean–square–estimation; corrupted–signal; moving–signal–window; moving–noise–window; **bidirectional-**median–filters; image–enhancement.

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Abstract

Old pictures records scenes and features of historical events. Due to aging, improper handling, and
changes of chemicals used in producing the image, these images deteriorate. This paper reports the
results of an ongoing study of applying image processing methods in the restoration and enhancement of
old pictures. The process is not straightforward because of many difficulties both in the image itself and in
the method and the format used to transfer the image into the computer. The process of image recording
produces a noise and the format used to record the image also affects the final result. The type and
model of noise on these old pictures is unknown. This paper studies the noise characteristics. The most
important result obtained proposes a signal dependent noise model for the noise in old pictures. This
result is important in identifying the proper method to be used in noise **filtering.** The paper also applies
and compares the results of some traditional and modified image **filtering** methods. Traditional **filtering**
methods such as low pass **averaging, median filtering** and adaptive **filtering** are used. Results are
presented to illustrate the effect of these **filtering** methods.

Descriptors

ADAPTIVE–FILTERS; IMAGE–DENOISING; IMAGE–ENHANCEMENT; IMAGE–
RESTORATION; **MEDIAN–**FILTERS; NOISE.

Classification codes

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C5260B Computer–vision–and–image–processing–techniques*.

Keywords

image–processing; old–pictures–restoration; old–pictures–enhancement;
image–recording; noise–characteristics; signal–dependent–noise–model;
noise–filtering; **image–**filtering–methods; **low–**pass–averaging; **median–**
filtering; adaptive–filtering; **variance–**ratio–estimator.

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Wavelet–domain iterative center weighted median filter for image denoising.

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Abstract

A new **median filter** termed the iterative center weighted **median filter** (ICWMF) in the wavelet coefficient domain is proposed for image denoising. Exploiting both inner– and inter–scale dependencies of the image wavelet coefficients, an improved estimation of the **variance** field is obtained using the proposed **filter**. This **filter** iteratively smoothes the noisy wavelet coefficients' **variances** preserving the edge information contained in the large magnitude wavelet coefficients. The **variance** field estimated using the ICWMF is then used in a minimum **mean–**square error estimator to denoise the noisy image wavelet coefficients. Simulation results show that higher peak–signal–to–noise ratio can be obtained as compared to other recent image denoising methods.

Descriptors

IMAGE–DENOISING; ITERATIVE–METHODS; **LEAST–**MEAN–SQUARES–METHODS; **MEDIAN–**FILTERS; PARAMETER–ESTIMATION; SMOOTHING–METHODS; STATISTICAL– ANALYSIS; WAVELET–TRANSFORMS.

Classification codes

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C5260B Computer–vision–and–image–processing–techniques*;
C1260S Signal–processing–theory;
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C4188 Integral–transforms–in–numerical–analysis;
C4130 Interpolation–and–function–approximation–numerical–analysis.

Keywords

iterative–center–weighted–median–filter; image–denoising; inner–scale–
dependencies; inter–scale–dependencies; **variance–**field–estimation;
iterative–smoothing; edge–information–preservation; noisy–wavelet–
coefficient–variances; large–magnitude–wavelet–coefficients;
statistical–modeling; ICWMF; **minimum–**mean–square–error–estimator;
peak–signal–to–noise–ratio.

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Robustness of nonlinear filters for image processing.

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Abstract

In this paper we study robustness of nonlinear **filters** for image processing by using a recently introduced
method called output distributional influence function (ODIF). Unlike the traditionally used asymptotic
methods, such as the influence function and the **change–**of–variance function, the ODIF provides
information about the robustness of finite length **filters** used in image processing. The ODIF is not only a
good theoretical analysis tool but it can also be used in real **filtering** situations for selecting **filters**
behaving as desired in the presence of contamination. The applicability of the ODIF to the real image
processing tasks is validated by experiments on images. We present the ODIFs for stack and **L–**filters
which include many of the **filters** useful in the image processing applications. The usefulness of the ODIF
in the analysis of the robustness of different **filters** is demonstrated in several illustrative examples by
using the ODIFs for the expectation and **variance.**

Descriptors

IMAGE–PROCESSING; **NONLINEAR–**FILTERS; **STACK–**FILTERS.

Classification codes

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Keywords

nonlinear–filters; image–processing; output–distributional–influence–function; **finite–**length–filters–robustness; ODIF; contamination; **stack–**filters; **L–**filters; **optimal–**filter; **median–**filters; **mean–filters;** expectation; **variance–**function.

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Estimation of noise component in satellite images and its application.

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Abstract

The **median filter** is known to be effective to estimate the amount of noise present in the image. The authors investigate its performance quantitatively, and it is compared with the Laplacian **filter** and the trimmed **mean filter.** The estimated **variances** are adjusted to give an unbiased estimate under ideal

conditions with no structure in the image. It is also shown that the trimmed **mean filter** as well as the **median filter** are robust to simple line edge structures. The author also discusses the estimation of the covariance matrix of the noise component with interband correlation, which is useful in many algorithms for image processing, such as edge detection, data compression, and image enhancement.

Descriptors

CORRELATION–METHODS; COVARIANCE–MATRICES; DATA–COMPRESSION; EDGE–DETECTION; GEOPHYSICAL–SIGNAL–PROCESSING; IMAGE–CODING; IMAGE–ENHANCEMENT; INTERFERENCE–SIGNAL; **MEDIAN–**FILTERS; REMOTE–SENSING.

Classification codes

A9385 Instrumentation–and–techniques–for–geophysical–hydrospheric–and–lower–atmosphere–research*;

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Keywords

noise–component; satellite–images; **median–**filter; performance; **Laplacian–**filter; **trimmed–**mean–filter; **estimated–**variances; line–edge–structures; covariance–matrix; interband–correlation; image–processing; edge–detection; data–compression; image–enhancement.

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Abstract

Several commonly applied techniques for atom probe data noise reduction are compared to signal processing techniques specifically designed to maintain interfacial integrity. A **median filter** and a double–window modified trimmed **mean filter,** along with several other **filters,** are applied to both a simulated atom probe composition profile and to real atom probe data. The various methods are compared using **average** profile compositions and **variance** measurements. The double–window modified trimmed **mean filter** is found to smooth the data in the slowly varying regions of the profile without degrading sharp interfaces.

Descriptors

ATOM–PROBE–FIELD–ION–MICROSCOPY; **FILTERING–**AND–PREDICTION–THEORY; RANDOM–NOISE.

Classification codes

A8280M Mass–spectrometry–chemical–analysis*;
A0780 Electron–and–ion–microscopes–and–techniques;
A6116F Field–ion–microscopy–determinations–of–structures–atom–and–ion–scattering–techniques;
A0650D Data–gathering–processing–and–recording–data–displays–including–digital–techniques.

Keywords

composition–analyses; atom–probe–data–noise–reduction; signal–processing; interfacial–integrity; **median–**filter; double–window–**modified–**trimmed–mean–filter; simulated–composition–profile; **variance–**measurements; data–smoothing; **average–**profile–compositions.

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Abstract

Speckle interferometry provides a basis for analyzing the dynamic motions of materials through
differencing of the fields scattered from objects at two different times. Phase differences in the signals
measured at different times, inferred from fringe patterns, indicate the degree of deformation present.
Automatic analysis of differenced images requires significant preprocessing to enhance the contrast of
fringe regions. Often fringes that are evident to the human eye cannot be perceived automatically
because the fringes usually consist of widely separated high intensity spikes. **Median** or **averaging
filters** are ineffective at enhancing these patterns. Adaptive **filtering** similar to that used in SAR image
analysis is capable of enhancing the fringe area contrast. A two step process is detailed. In a first phase a
filter based on window **mean** and **variance** suppresses noise and generates a greater cohesion of high
intensity points in the fringe areas. In a second phase the image is **average filtered** to smooth the
intensities in the fringes. An auxiliary routine used to count fringes is discussed. Comparisons with
median filtered results show the greater ability to automatically count fringes using this two step method.

Descriptors

ADAPTIVE–OPTICS; LIGHT–INTERFEROMETRY; **SPATIAL–**FILTERS; SPECKLE.

Classification codes

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Keywords

adaptive–filtering; automatic–analysis; scattered–field–differencing;
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Abstract
>A novel adaptive **filter** for edge–preserving smoothing of noisy images is introduced. The novelty of the
>**filter** is that its region of support is tuned simultaneously in its size and orientation. An edge strength
>measure is extracted from the local **variance** and used to control the size of the window. The gradient
>direction is used to adapt the orientation of the window. The use of both edge strength and edge
>detection information allows large windows to be used even in the vicinity of edges. The **filter** has been
>tested for additive white Gaussian noise with the **mean** as the point estimator over local windows, and for
>additive white impulse noise with the **median** as the point estimator. Results, particularly for the adaptive
>**median filter,** are very promising. The results show that the **filter** does greater smoothing in the vicinity
>of edges without compromising performance away from edges and the edge structure of the image.

Descriptors
>ADAPTIVE–FILTERS; FILTERING–AND–PREDICTION–THEORY; PICTURE–PROCESSING.

Classification codes
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>C1250 Pattern–recognition*.

Keywords
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Abstract
Two complementary approaches to the noise suppression problem in on– line portal imaging have been analysed. Temporal **filtering** by image summation can substantially reduce the amount of noise in an image. In many cases, however, movements of the patient or the radiation source limit the time period over which the **averaging** can be done. Any remaining noise has to be dealt with by applying spatial **filtering.** The adaptive Lee **filter** is particularly suitable for portal imaging applications. The authors have proposed a modification to the basic Lee technique which permits the calculation of the noise **variance** locally by utilising the information contained in intermediate images acquired during frame **averaging.** Unlike the original Lee formulation, no a priori knowledge of the noise **variance** is required, and in contrast to Mastin's approach (Mastin 1985), the **variance** may vary with position in the image. The tests of performance of the modified Lee **filter,** carried out using on–line images, have shown its superiority in comparison with the original Lee technique as well as with conventional **averaging** and **median filters.**

Descriptors
ADAPTIVE–FILTERS; COMPUTERISED–PICTURE–PROCESSING; MEDICAL–COMPUTING; NOISE; RADIATION–THERAPY; RADIOGRAPHY.

Classification codes
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A8770G Patient–care–and–treatment;
C7330 Biology–and–medical–computing*;
C5260B Computer–vision–and–image–processing–techniques.

Keywords
temporal–filtering; patient–movement; radiation–source–movement; radiation–therapy; adaptive–technique; digital–noise–suppression; on–line–portal–imaging; image–summation; time–period; **averaging;** spatial–**filtering; adaptive–**Lee–filter; **noise–**variance; intermediate–images; **frame–**averaging; **modified–**Lee–filter.

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Abstract

Rank **filters** operating on images assign the kth value of the gray levels from the window consisting of M pixels arranged according to their value to the center point of the window. The special cases k=1, k=M (MIN and MAX **filter)** and k=(M+1)/2 (medium **filter)**, which have already been applied in image processing, are investigated in systematic connection with all rank **filters.** Some of their properties can be formulated analytically. They commute with monotonic transforms of the gray scale. In the one–dimensional case–also valid for line– like structures in images–the output functions of monotonic input functions can be calculated directly. The alternating application of MIN and MAX **filters** leads, if repeated more than once, to the same result as a single application. The application of the rank **filters** to a set of test images shows that there is no simple way to describe their action on the spectrum by means of a transfer or autocorrelation function. In particular the smoothing of the **median filter** cannot be described in terms of a low–pass **filter,** but rather by the reduction of the **mean** local **variance.** As shown on real and statistical model images, rank **filters** smooth less than linear **filters,** but preserve edges.

Descriptors

FILTERING–AND–PREDICTION–THEORY; PICTURE–PROCESSING.

Classification codes

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C1250 Pattern–recognition*;
C1260 Information–theory;
C5260 Digital–signal–processing.

Keywords

filtering–and–prediction–theory; digital–image–processing; gray–
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